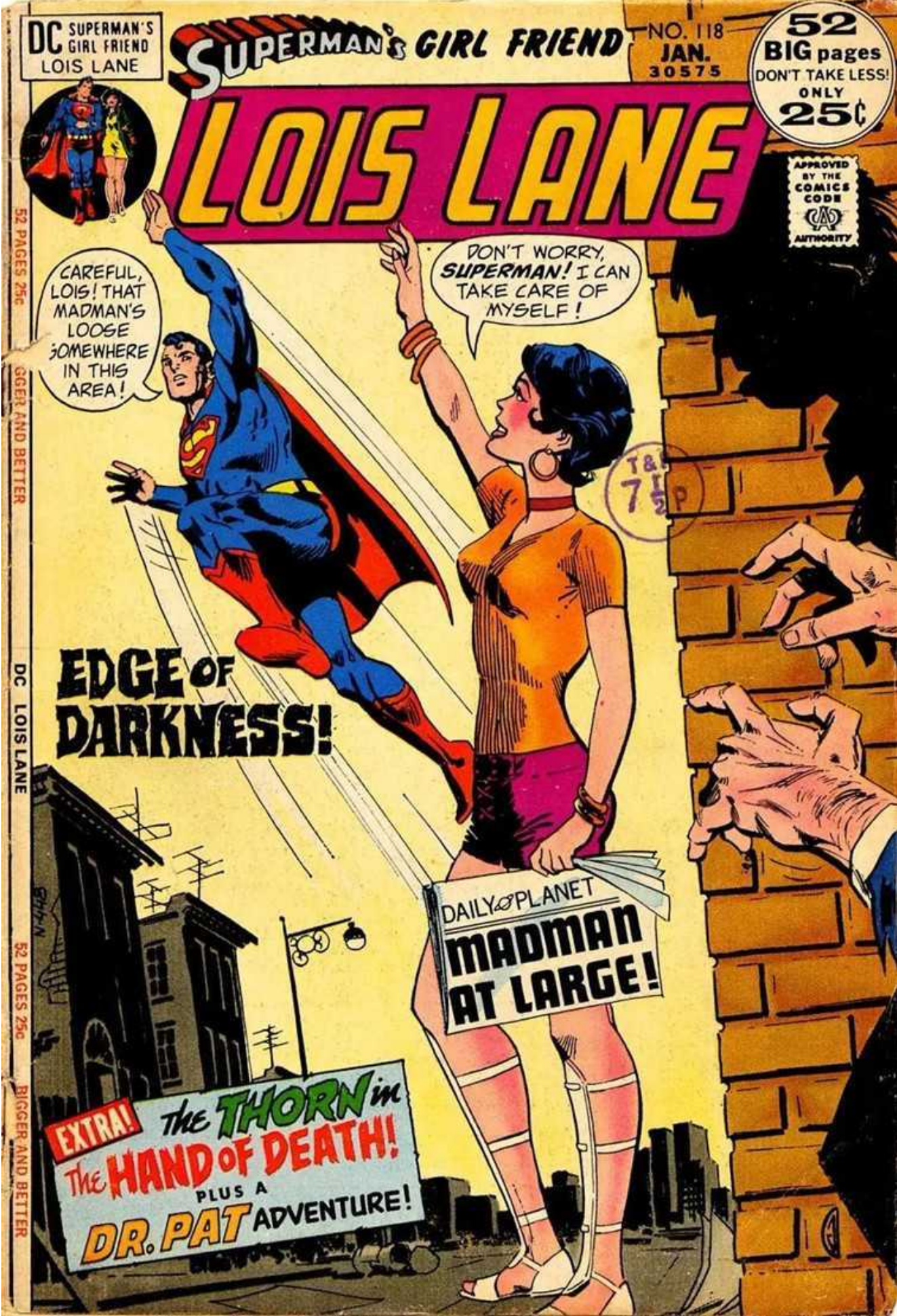
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SUDDENLY, HANDS GRIP THE METAL TRAY, TURNING IT SIDEWAYS, SO THAT IT HOLDS THE PANEL OPEN...
CLANG!
THEN A FIGURE SLIPS THROUGH THE NARROW OPENING TO FREEDOM...
SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THIS STUNT LONG AGO!
AND INTO THE NIGHT FLEES... MORGAN EDGE!?!
MORGAN EDGE? ESCAPING FROM HIS OWN APARTMENT? WHAT GIVES?
A MYSTERY, WHICH WILL BRING LOIS LANE, SUPERMAN, AND YOU... TO THE...
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IN METROPOLIS PARK, MORGAN EDGE, PUBLISHER OF THE DAILY PLANET SPEAKS WITH LOIS LANE, BEFORE HER POPULAR TV BROADCAST--PEOPLE--U.S.A....
EVERYONE THINKS SUPERMAN HAS A SECRET IDENTITY...BUT I WONDER? IF SO, WHY HAS NO ONE EVER DISCOVERED IT?
HE'S TOO CLEVER! BUT I'M SURE HE DOES LEAD A DOUBLE LIFE. HE'S ADMITTED AS MUCH TO ME!
WGBS TV
IF SOMEONE COULD DISCOVER THAT ALTER-EGO... WHAT A STORY IT WOULD MAKE!
COUNT ME OUT! I'D NEVER DO ANYTHING TO HURT SUPERMAN! I LOVE HIM TOO MUCH!
I WAS AFRAID THAT WOMAN WAS TOO LOVE-STRUCK TO BETRAY SUPERMAN!
WONDER IF I'D DO BETTER WITH CLARK KENT... OR JIMMY OLSEN?
PEOPLE--U.S.A. PRESENTS THE FLYING JESTERS!
WHAT GAVE YOU THE IDEA OF GIVING FREE SHOWS IN THE PARK?
WE LIKE THE NOTION OF SURPRISIN' THE KIDS, MISS LANE!
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HERE'S OUR FIRST SURPRISE, MISS LANE!
OHH--?
THIS SURPRISE IS ON YOU!
WAIT'LL YOU SEE OUR FINISH!
WHUPP
WHUPP
WHUPP
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HELICOPTER WAS PART OF YOUR ACT!
IT'S GONNA MAKE YOU DISAPPEAR, MISS LANE! A STUNT DREAMED UP BY THE 100! GROOVY--HUH?
THE 100?-- I'VE BEEN TRICKED BY COSTUMED CUTTHROATS OF THAT CRIME SYNDICATE!
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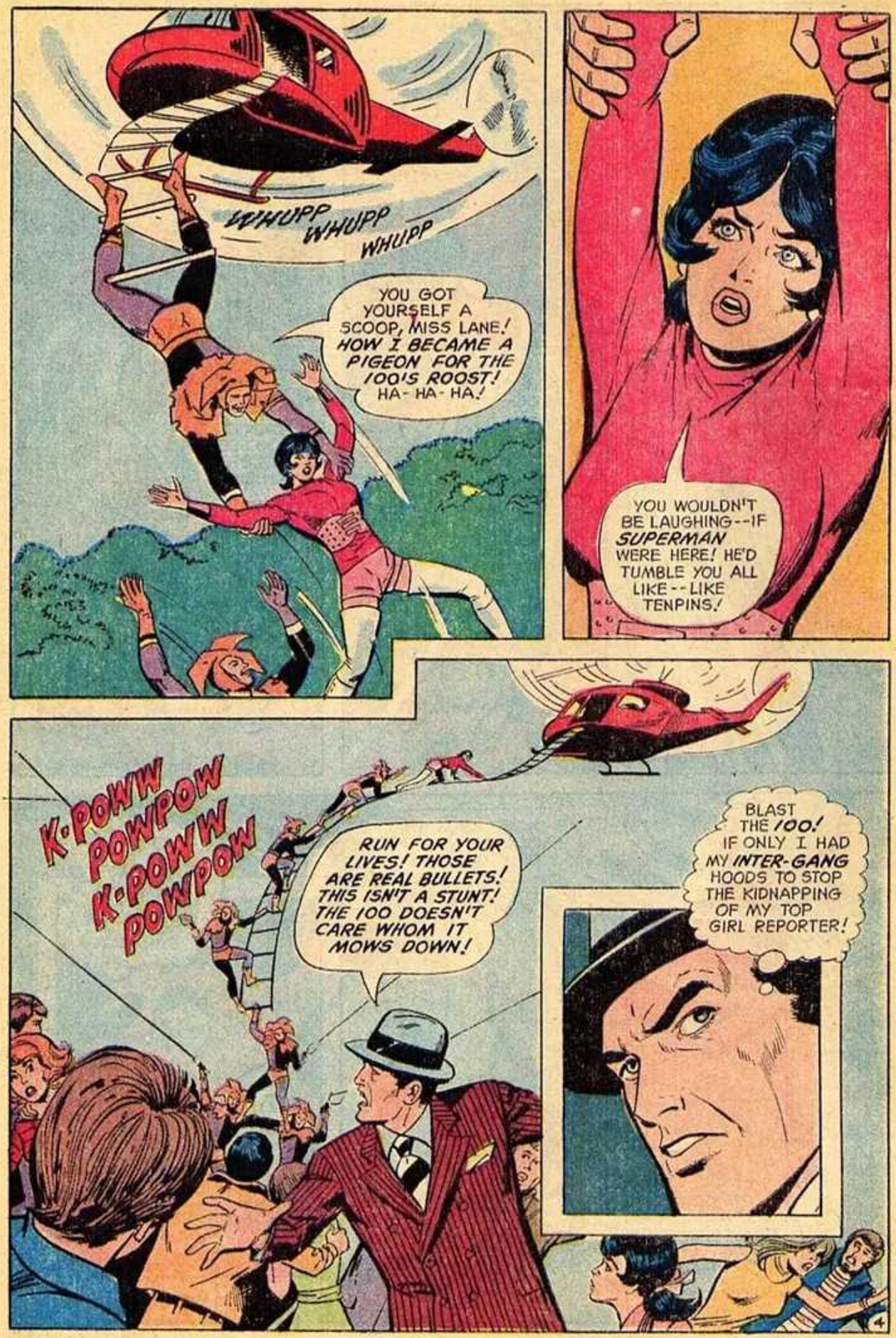
WHUPP WHUPP WHUPP
YOU GOT YOURSELF A SCOOP, MISS LANE! HOW I BECAME A PIGEON FOR THE 100'S ROOST! HA-HA-HA!
YOU WOULDN'T BE LAUGHING--IF SUPERMAN WERE HERE! HE'D TUMBLE YOU ALL LIKE--LIKE TENPINS!
K-POWW POWPOW K-POWW POWPOW
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! THOSE ARE REAL BULLETS! THIS ISN'T A STUNT! THE 100 DOESN'T CARE WHOM IT MOWS DOWN!
BLAST THE 100! IF ONLY I HAD MY INTER-GANG HOODS TO STOP THE KIDNAPPING OF MY TOP GIRL REPORTER!
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ON THE DANGLING LADDER OF THE HELICOPTER, HOPE SUDDENLY BEATS WILDLY INSIDE LOIS' HEART AS...
IT'S SUPERMAN! HE'S SPOTTED YOU!
LET HIM COME-- HE'LL BE ON THE SPOT!
LIKE A HUMAN TORPEDO -- THE MAN OF STEEL HURTLES DOWN...
LOOKS I CAME BACK FROM MY LATEST MISSION JUST IN TIME TO SPOT LOIS' CAPTURE BY THOSE 'COPTER CROOKS!
WHAMM
BLAMM
THEY'RE THROWING UP A SCREEN OF EXPLODING BULLETS!
WRAMM
BAAM
CAN'T HURT ME... BUT DODGING THEM GIVES ME SOME PRACTICE IN MANEUVERING!
I'LL SPIN THE CHOPPER'S BLADES IN REVERSE...
WHUPP WHUPP
GNRRRRRRR
...FORCE IT TO A PANCAKE LANDING WITHOUT HARM TO ANYONE!
GNNRRRRRRRR
K-POW
POW POW POW
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LIKE A WILD WHIRLWIND, SUPERMAN RIPS THROUGH THE CORNERED KILLERS...
WHROOOSH
POW
POW K-POW
POWW
NO MATTER WHERE SUPERMAN IS--HE COMES BACK TO ME! AS IF--OUR HEARTS WERE TUNED IN ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH!
THE PARK PATROL IS COLLARING THE 100'S LOSING NUMBERS!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LOIS?
I AM-- NOW!

CONGRATULATIONS, SUPERMAN!
WELL, LOIS! YOU'VE GOT AN EYE-WITNESS FRONT-PAGE STORY NOW!
I'LL GO BACK TO THE PLANET AND TYPE IT, MR. EDGE!
I'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT, LOIS!

LOIS AND SUPERMAN WOULD FLIP IF THEY KNEW ABOUT MY SECRET SCOOP!
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SSP
SUPER SONIC POWER
TM.
YOU GUYS THINK YOU'RE MAN ENOUGH TO TAKE ON THESE OBSTACLES?
YOU BET-OUR NEW SSP'S ARE THE WORLD'S FASTEST BIG RACERS!
TAKES ON THE GRUELING OBSTACLE RUN!
O.K.! LET'S GO!
PULL
WHIR-R-RR-RRR-RRRRRR
TWO MUCH
READY TO RACE!
NO TRACKS! NO BATTERIES!
GYRO-POWERED!
JUMP OBSTACLE
BLACK JACK
THAT'S A FOUR FOOT LEAP!
MY BLACK JACK MADE IT EASY!
80 FEET AND MY JET STAR IS STILL GOING!
DISTANCE OBSTACLE
WHIR-R-R-RRRR
JET STAR
SPEED OBSTACLE
WHIR-R-R-RRRRR
RAIL BIRD
WOW! 400 SCALE MPH!
ACCIDENT ON ACCURACY OBSTACLE!
INDY RACER
SUPER STOCKER
ONLY SSP RACERS COULD TAKE THAT!
ALL THE SSP RACERS MADE IT BECAUSE THEY'RE THE WORLD'S FASTEST AND TOUGHEST BIG RACERS!
WHIRR-RRR
FINISH
COPPER CART
MOD MERCER
KIDS-
PUT YOUR SSP RACERS TO ANY TEST-ON ANY OBSTACLE COURSE-INDOORS OR OUTDOORS! THEY'RE THE WINNERS!
NOW! 17 KENNER SSP RACERS! COLLECT & RACE 'EM ALL!

THE PLANET PUBLISHER RETURNS TO HIS PENTHOUSE APARTMENT AND GLEEFULLY PRESSES THE SECRET BUTTON OF A SPECIAL TWO-WAY MIRROR...
THROUGH THIS MIRROR I CAN OBSERVE THE REAL MORGAN EDGE... MY PRISONER! HA-HA-HA!
SUPERMAN MAY HAVE TWO IDENTITIES... BUT I AM... TWO PEOPLE!
KLIKK"
HAVEN'T LOOKED IN ON HIM SINCE YESTERDAY!
HE'S GONE! SOMEHOW-- THE REAL EDGE HAS ESCAPED!
"EDGE HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED WHILE ON VACATION... TISSUE SAMPLES WERE TAKEN FROM HIM... AND USED IN THE EVIL FACTORY..."
THERE, GREAT DARKSEID, IS THE NEW MORGAN EDGE!
GROWN FROM THE CELLS OF THE ORIGINAL! EXCELLENT, MOKKARI!
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"I WAS LIKE A NEWBORN BABY... I HAD TO BE TAUGHT EVERYTHING ...BUT THE DEVICES MY CREATORS USED ACCOMPLISHED IT ALL IN DAYS."
THIS MACHINE WILL ACTIVATE THE BRAIN-CELLS-- PERFECT DUPLICATES OF THE REAL EDGE'S.
YES, MOKKARI... HE'LL HAVE ALL THE ORIGINAL'S MEMORIES, BUT WE'LL SEE THAT HE IS ABSOLUTELY LOYAL TO DARKSEID!
"FINALLY, I WAS READY..."
YOU KNOW ME?
YES...YOU ARE DARKSEID, RULER OF THE PLANET APOKOLIPS.
YOU CAME TO EARTH TO SEEK THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION, WHICH WILL ENABLE YOU TO RULE THE UNIVERSE!
EXCELLENT! YOU ARE READY TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE REAL MORGAN EDGE.
BUT FIRST... TAKE HIM OUTSIDE AND KILL HIM!
"BUT WHEN WE TWO WERE ALONE..."
WELL, GO AHEAD... GET IT OVER WITH!
I... CAN'T!
I WAS GROWN FROM YOUR CELLS ...I HAVE YOUR MEMORIES. I CAN'T KILL... MYSELF!
SO I'LL KNOCK YOU OUT...AND KEEP YOU ALIVE. DARKSEID NEED NEVER KNOW!
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"AFTER HAVING A SECRET ADJUNCT SWIFTLY BUILT INSIDE MY PENTHOUSE APARTMENT..."
I KEPT EDGE SEDATED AND HIDDEN UNTIL HIS PRIVATE CELL WAS FINISHED!
THE DRUG'S EFFECTS ARE WEARING OFF--HE'S STIRRING!
EDGE CAN LOOK OUT AND SEE ME... BUT UNLESS I SWITCH ON A SPECIAL CIRCUIT, NO ONE CAN SEE HIM! TO ANY VISITOR, THIS GLASS WILL APPEAR TO BE ONLY A MIRROR!
NOW THERE IS ONLY ONE MORGAN EDGE--ME! HA-HA-HA!
THE INCREDIBLE IMPOSTOR'S THOUGHTS OF THE PAST END WITH THE JARRING SIGHT OF THE EMPTY SECRET CELL...
NOW, EDGE HAS ESCAPED... SOMEHOW! I'VE GOT TO RECAPTURE HIM BEFORE DARKSEID LEARNS HE'S ALIVE AND PUNISHES ME FOR DISOBEYING HIM!
TURNING OFF THE TRICK OBSERVATORY MIRROR...
I'LL TRICK SUPERMAN INTO FINDING THE REAL EDGE AND BRINGING HIM HERE... WITHOUT REVEALING THE EXISTENCE OF TWO EDGES! BUT HOW?
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-THAT'S IT! AND I'LL PREPARE A NEW PRISON FOR HIM... ONE HE'LL NEVER BREAK OUT OF!
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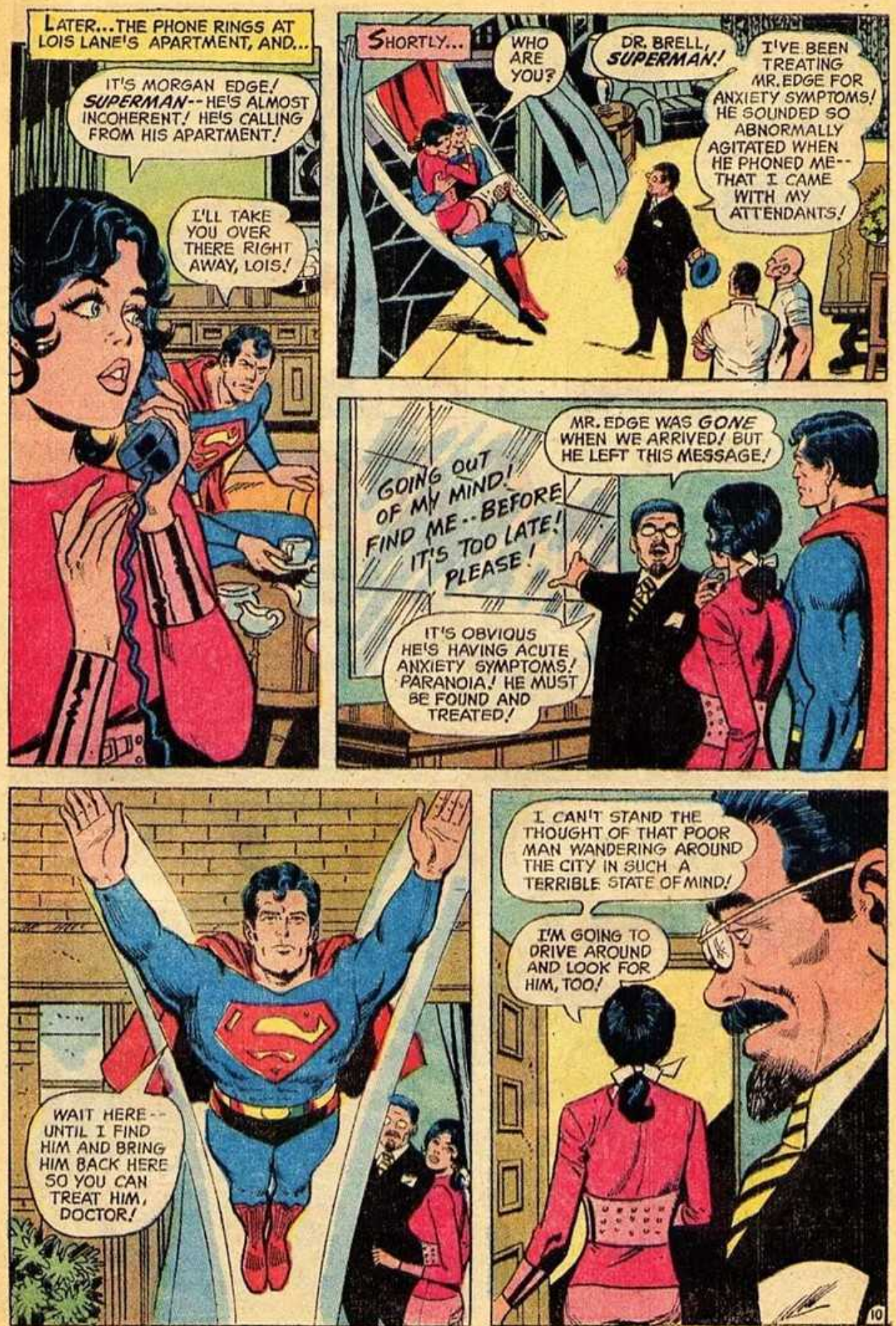
LATER...THE PHONE RINGS AT LOIS LANE'S APARTMENT, AND...
IT'S MORGAN EDGE! SUPERMAN--HE'S ALMOST INCOHERENT! HE'S CALLING FROM HIS APARTMENT!
I'LL TAKE YOU OVER THERE RIGHT AWAY, LOIS!
SHORTLY...
WHO ARE YOU?
DR. BRELL, SUPERMAN!
I'VE BEEN TREATING MR. EDGE FOR ANXIETY SYMPTOMS! HE SOUNDED SO ABNORMALLY AGITATED WHEN HE PHONED ME--THAT I CAME WITH MY ATTENDANTS!
MR. EDGE WAS GONE WHEN WE ARRIVED! BUT HE LEFT THIS MESSAGE!
GOING OUT OF MY MIND! FIND ME--BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! PLEASE!
IT'S OBVIOUS HE'S HAVING ACUTE ANXIETY SYMPTOMS! PARANOIA! HE MUST BE FOUND AND TREATED!
WAIT HERE--UNTIL I FIND HIM AND BRING HIM BACK HERE SO YOU CAN TREAT HIM, DOCTOR!
I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF THAT POOR MAN WANDERING AROUND THE CITY IN SUCH A TERRIBLE STATE OF MIND!
I'M GOING TO DRIVE AROUND AND LOOK FOR HIM, TOO!
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HOUR AFTER HOUR LOIS CIRCLES THE CITY...
NOT A SIGN OF POOR MR. EDGE!
IT'S HIM...THE "SMILING COBRA" HIMSELF!
SKREEECH--
MUST TURN OUT OF HIS WAY--BEFORE HE CRASHES INTO ME!
HA-HA-HA-HA!
CRAAAASH--
I SPOTTED YOU WHILE PATROLLING THE CITY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LOIS?
YES, SUPERMAN! EDGE ALMOST RAN INTO ME! BUT I HEARD HIM CRASH INTO A STORE WINDOW!
HE'S GONE! BUT HE LEFT ANOTHER S.O.S.!
I'D BETTER TAKE YOU WITH ME THIS TIME TO KEEP YOU OUT OF HARM'S WAY!
HELP ME.. STOP ME.. BRING ME BACK!
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AFTER ANOTHER HOUR...
SUPERMAN! FIRE BELOW! IN THAT ABANDONED SLUM STREET!
I'LL HAVE TO POSTPONE LOOKING FOR EDGE TILL I PUT THAT BLAZE OUT... BEFORE IT SPREADS TO OCCUPIED HOUSES!
LOOK FOR A FIRE BOX AND PUT IN AN ALARM, LOIS!
RIGHT AWAY, SUPERMAN!
WITH THE BLAST OF A HURRICANE...
PHROOOOOOOOSH
I'LL BLOW OUT THE FLAMES WITH MY SUPER-BREATH!
THE FIRE'S OUT! BUT PART OF THE EMPTY BUILDING IS COLLAPSING!
LOIS--IS DIRECTLY IN ITS PATH!
RRRRRRRRRRRUMBLE
LOOK OUT!
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INSTANTLY, THE MAN OF STEEL SLAMS THE AVALANCHE OF RED-HOT BRICKS AWAY FROM LOIS...
SSSSSSSSS
KRAAAAK
STAY WHERE YOU ARE, HONEY! DON'T MOVE!
SUPERMAN'S CRUSHING THE BRICKS WITH HIS BARE HANDS!

SHORTLY...
YOUR HANDS, SUPERMAN-- SURE THEY'RE NOT HURT?
OF COURSE NOT, LOIS! JUST BECAUSE I LOST PART OF MY POWERS * DOESN'T MEAN A FEW HOT BRICKS CAN SINGE ME!
* READERS OF SUPERMAN MAGAZINE WILL RECALL THAT THE MAN OF STEEL RECENTLY HAD HIS POWERS CUT DOWN SOMEWHAT, SO HE ISN'T QUITE AS MIGHTY AS FORMERLY.

LOOK! ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM MORGAN EDGE! HE CAN'T HELP HIMSELF! BUT HE'S BEGGING TO BE STOPPED!
HELP ME! BRING ME BACK!
HE CAN'T BE TOO FAR FROM HERE! LET'S SEARCH THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

UNNOTICED IN THE SHADOWS...
SUPERMAN DOESN'T KNOW IT-- BUT HE'S MY PIGEON! HA-HA-HA-HA!

IF WE CAN ONLY FIND POOR MR. EDGE!
BUT-- WHERE IS HE?
SOMEWHERE NEAR, LOIS! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP ON LOOKING!
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THE DESPERATE SEARCH CONTINUES OVER THE MYRIAD STREETS OF METROPOLIS...
SUPERMAN! SOMETHING SHINING AT US FROM THAT CAR JUNKYARD BELOW!
MOONLIGHT REFLECTED OFF A BROKEN CAR MIRROR? OR--A SIGNAL?
SUPERMAN! MY WILDEST HOPES CAME TRUE! YOU'VE FOUND ME!
WE STARTED LOOKING FOR YOU AS SOON AS WE READ THE MESSAGE YOU SCRAWLED ON YOUR LIVING ROOM MIRROR!
WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF YOUR OTHER MESSAGES, MR. EDGE!
MESSAGES? WHAT MESSAGES? I LEFT NO MESSAGES?
I JUST MANAGED TO ESCAPE THE OTHER MORGAN EDGE!
YOU'RE NOT YOURSELF, MR. EDGE! BUT YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT AS SOON AS WE GET YOU TO YOUR DOCTOR!
I'LL HAVE YOU HOME IN A FEW MOMENTS!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'M NOT THAT MORGAN EDGE!
I'M GLAD YOU FOUND MY PATIENT, SUPERMAN!
PATIENT? YOU MUST MEAN THE OTHER EDGE!
THIS IS A PLOT AGAINST ME! I'M THE REAL MORGAN EDGE!
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I'M TELLING YOU THERE ARE TWO MORGAN EDGES! FINGERPRINTS DON'T LIE! THEY'LL PROVE WHO I AM!
IT'S UNNECESSARY, MR. EDGE! I'VE SEEN YOU OFTEN ENOUGH TO HAVE AUTOMATICALLY MEMORIZED YOUR FINGERPRINTS!
SUPERMAN-- JUST TAKE ME WHERE THEY CAN BE CHECKED!
IF YOURS ARE DIFFERENT-- I'LL KNOW IT!
EVERY SWORL IS IDENTICAL WITH THE MORGAN EDGE I'VE MET BEFORE!
B-BUT IT C-CAN'T BE! N-NO TWO FINGERPRINTS ARE ALIKE!
IS THERE ANY OTHER TEST, SUPERMAN?
OF COURSE! YOUR SKIN PORES!
I'VE MENTALLY GRIDDED YOUR SKIN AND COMPUTED THE NUMBER OF PORES PER SQUARE INCH! IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME NUMBER AS THE OTHER MORGAN EDGE!
BESIDES -- I'VE BEEN SIMULTANEOUSLY LISTENING TO YOU SPEAK AND COMPUTING YOUR ACOUSTICAL DECIBELS! YOUR VOICE-PRINT IS THE SAME!
IM...POSSIBLE...
WILL MR. EDGE BE ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR?
OF COURSE, MISS LANE! HIS SUBCONSCIOUS FORCED HIM TO WRITE THOSE MESSAGES APPEALING FOR HELP! THAT'S A GOOD SIGN!
HE'LL RECOVER VERY SOON, AFTER CHEMO AND PSYCHO-THERAPY AT MY PRIVATE HOSPITAL!
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LATER, THE INCREDIBLE IMPOSTOR ROCKS WITH LAUGHTER...
I KNEW I WAS SUCH A PERFECT DUPLICATE OF THE REAL EDGE... THAT NOT EVEN SUPERMAN COULD PROVE ME AN IMPOSTOR! HA-HA-HA-HA!
THAT KRYPTONIAN CLOWN FELL FOR MY RUSE AND RECAPTURED MY PRISONER FOR ME! HA-HA-HA-HA!
MY HIRED ACCOMPLICES... THE FAKE DR. BRELL AND HIS MEN... WILL PUT EDGE IN A NEW PRISON, WHERE HE'LL BE SAFE! HA-HA-HA-HA!
RRRRRING
OH... THE PHONE!
HA-HA-WHAT--?
THE "PATIENT" LEAPED AT THE DRIVER! CAUSED THE "AMBULANCE" TO OVERTURN IN A RIVER... AND ESCAPED!
HELLO?... HELLO?...
THE REAL EDGE IS LOOSE AGAIN! I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM BEFORE DARKSEID DISCOVERS I'VE DISOBEYED ORDERS!
MEANWHILE...
IMAGINE, SUPERMAN! WHAT A FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE IF THERE WERE TWO MORGAN EDGES! BUT--IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
YES, LOIS! IT WAS ALL THE PRODUCT OF A DISORDERED BRAIN!
GUESS AGAIN, SUPERMAN AND LOIS! THE REAL EDGE IS ONCE MORE AT LARGE... AND WE'LL FIND OUT WHERE HE'S HOLED UP IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF LOIS LANE!
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WHOEVER BUILT THIS ROAD MUST HAVE PLANNED IT AS AN OBSTACLE COURSE TO PREVENT ANYBODY FROM EVER USING IT! THE HOSPITAL IS OVER THE NEXT HILL... WONDER WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR ME?
ART: CARMINE INFANTINO & FRANK GIACOIA
FROM: SENSATION COMICS #95 (JAN.-FEB., 1950)

ONE WOULD BE PUZZLED INDEED TO KNOW WHY THE CAPABLE AND LOVELY DR. PAT WINDSOR WAS SPEEDING TO AN ASSIGNMENT WHICH OFFERED LONG HOURS OF HARD WORK--AT NO PAY! BUT THAT WOULD ONLY BE BECAUSE ONE WAS UNAWARE OF THE SECRET ROMANCE IN THE BEAUTIFUL PHYSICIAN'S LIFE... A SECRET WHICH WAS FINALLY REVEALED AS...

"Dr. PAT'S FIRST LOVE!"

AS DR. PAT WINDSOR'S CAR SLOWS UP IN ITS LONG CLIMB TO THE TOP OF THE HILL, HER THOUGHTS ABOUT HER FUTURE ASSIGNMENT ARE ABRUPTLY ANSWERED BY A HIGH, SHRILL, WHINING SOUND WHICH ENDS WITH...

A BULLET! THIS IS A WARMER WELCOME THAN I EXPECTED!

CRASH!

SPEEDING OUT OF RANGE OF THE WHINING BULLETS, DR. PAT AT LAST SIGHTS THE BLACK HILLS RURAL HOSPITAL WHICH SHE HAS TRAVELED SO FAR TO REACH...

DR. MICHAELS SHOULD PROVIDE SOME INTERESTING ANSWERS ABOUT THOSE **LEAD** CALLING CARDS! GREAT JONAH! THERE'S THE HOSPITAL--AND IT'S **ABLAZE**!

HURRIEDLY BRAKING THE CAR, DR. PAT LEAPS OUT BEFORE THE WHEELS HAVE COMPLETELY STOPPED TURNING AND RACES TOWARD THE BURNING BUILDING...

HURRY, MISS! I NEED YOUR HELP! I'VE GOT TO SAVE AS MUCH OF THE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AS I CAN! I'LL TOSS THEM DOWN TO YOU! READY?

WHENEVER YOU ARE! BETTER DROP THAT MICROSCOPE FIRST!

BUT BEFORE THE RESCUE OF INVALUABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CAN EVEN BEGIN, FLAMES FLARE OUT ALL AROUND THE FIGURE IN THE WINDOW AND...

OHH--HE'S TRAPPED BY THE FLAMES!

DASHING IN THROUGH THE HOSPITAL ENTRANCE, DR. PAT FINDS THE WOODEN STAIRS WHICH LEAD UP TO THE SECOND FLOOR. SHE RACES UPWARD AS FAST AS SHE CAN, TRYING NOT TO BREATHE IN THE ROARING FLAMES WHICH RAPIDLY THREATEN TO DESTROY THE STAIRCASE...

THE ROOM IN WHICH I SAW HIM-SHOULD BE--AT THE RIGHT OF THE--STAIRS!

SWIFTLY GLANCING IN AT THE FIRST TWO ROOMS SHE PASSES, DR. PAT CAN SEE NO ONE. BUT IN THE THIRD, HER DESPERATE SEARCH PROVES SUCCESSFUL. KNEELING BESIDE THE UNCONSCIOUS MAN, SHE MAKES A SWIFT EXAMINATION...

I'VE GOT TO--GET HIM OUT OF--HERE--BEFORE HE GETS A--FATAL CASE OF--SMOKE POISONING!

A FEW ROARING MOMENTS LATER, DR. PAT MAKES HER WAY OUT WITH HER INERT BURDEN...
IT'S A GOOD THING-- I LEARNED THE FIREMAN'S LIFT-- IN MY INTERNE DAYS! I NEVER COULD HAVE-- CARRIED HIM-- OTHERWISE!

AS DR. PAT BARELY MANAGES TO TOTTER OUT OF THE FIERCELY BURNING BUILDING, SHE IS STARTLED AT THE APPEARANCE OF TWO MEN, ONE OF WHOM RACES TOWARD HER, WHILE THE OTHER PAUSES TO SNAP A PICTURE OF THE SCENE...
I TOLD YOU THAT PARKED CAR MEANT THERE WAS SOMEONE IN THIS BUILDING!
WOW! WHAT A SHOT! IT'LL MAKE PICTURE OF THE MONTH!

AFTER THE STRANGER EASES DR. PAT'S UNCONSCIOUS BURDEN FROM HER...
HOW IS HE?.. I'M AFRAID HE INHALED MORE SMOKE...THAN IS GOOD..FOR HIM... OHH...!
TAKE IT EASY! YOU'VE DONE MORE THAN YOUR SHARE! WE'LL TAKE OVER NOW! I'M HANK LEE, A STAFF REPORTER FOR PICTURE WEEKLY. MY SHUTTERBUG PARTNER IS SAM BURGESS. WE'RE ROVING THE COUNTRY FOR UNUSUAL STORIES— AND IT CERTAINLY LOOKS LIKE WE'VE FOUND ONE!

BUT DR. PAT DOESN'T REST UNTIL SHE HAS REVIVED THE VICTIM OF THE FIRE. JUST AS SHE DOES SO, THE HOSPITAL COLLAPSES INTO A HEAP OF FLAMES AND ASHES...
THE HOSPITAL IN RUINS! THE PEOPLE IN THESE HILLS DEPENDED ON ME-- AND I FAILED THEM!

"I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THESE HILLS. I SAW SUPERSTITION AND FEAR CAUSE SICKNESS AND DISEASE AMONG THE PEOPLE.."
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"THAT'S WHY I STUDIED MEDICINE, AND RETURNED HERE TO BECOME A COUNTRY DOCTOR. TO FIGHT IGNORANCE WITH SCIENCE. ALTHOUGH CALEB MOSS, WHO SOLD MAGIC CHARMS TO WARD OFF SICKNESS, GAVE ME A BIT OF TROUBLE AT FIRST.."
DON'T GO IN THERE! HE'LL CAST AN EVIL SPELL ON YE!
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DOCTORS BRING DEATH WITH THEM! DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YE, IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO YE IF YE TREAT WITH HIM!

"BUT, DESPITE CALEB MOSS' DIRE WARNINGS, THE PEOPLE BEGAN TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN ME AND MY LITTLE HOSPITAL WHEN I SAVED YOUNG PETER FALL'S LIFE BY AN EMERGENCY AP-PENDECTOMY..."
CALEB MOSS IS WRONG! DOCTORS HELP PEOPLE!

MY PRACTICE INCREASED NOT FINANCIALLY, BUT IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS. THAT'S WHY I ADVERTISED FOR HELP. I WAS EXPECTING A DR. PAT WINDSOR...
I'M DR. WINDSOR, DR. MICHAELS.

YOU--? DR. PAT WINDSOR? BUT I THOUGHT-- FROM THE NAME-- I WAS EXPECTING A MAN--!
YOU SENT FOR DR. PAT WINDSOR-- AND I AM SHE. SUPPOSE YOU GO ON WITH YOUR STORY, DR. MICHAELS?

I WAS IN THE LAB, WHEN THE FIRE STARTED IN BACK OF THE HOSPITAL. I WANTED TO HAVE EVERYTHING IN ORDER WHEN YOU ARRIVED, DR. WINDSOR. I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT HAPPENED..?
I WONDER WHAT CONNECTION THERE IS BETWEEN THE HOSPITAL FIRE AND THE SHOTS THAT WERE FIRED AT ME? WELL, I WON'T MENTION IT NOW. DR. MICHAELS HAS TROUBLE ENOUGH.

EVERY BIT OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT THAT I OWN--, TOGETHER WITH MY DREAMS OF GIVING THE PEOPLE HERE THE MEDICAL TREATMENT THEY NEED--HAVE BEEN BURNED TO ASHES! I'M SORRY, DR. WINDSOR, THAT YOU'VE MADE SUCH A LONG TRIP FOR NOTHING!
BUT I HAVEN'T, DR. MICHAELS!

IF THERE'S NO HOSPITAL FOR PEOPLE TO GO TO, WE'LL HAVE THE HOSPITAL VISIT THEM! I'VE GOT A MEDICAL BAG, AND A CAR! THAT'S ENOUGH FOR A START! AND REMEMBER, DR. MICHAELS, THE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE WE'VE LEARNED CAN NEVER BE DESTROYED!
THANK YOU, DR. WINDSOR YOU'VE GIVEN ME NEW HOPE!
I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU TWO WILL MAKE A GREAT TEAM! SORRY WE CAN'T STAY TO SEE YOU IN OPERATION, BUT WE HAVE TO GO ON TO SOUTH CITY TO WIRE THE OFFICE ON THE STORIES WE'VE ALREADY PICKED UP. BUT YOU CAN BE QUITE SURE THAT WE'LL DROP IN ON YOU ON OUR WAY BACK.
I-I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T A-A--BIG ROMANCE IN YOUR LIFE, DR. WINDSOR?
I DO. AND IT'S STILL MY FIRST LOVE. ITS NAME IS--MEDICINE!
A NICE YOUNG MAN, WASN'T HE, DR. WINDSOR?
A HOPELESS ROMANTICIST, DR. MICHAELS, LIKE MOST REPORTERS.
DON'T YOU THINK IT WAS A LITTLE ROMANTIC OF YOU TO TRAVEL MORE THAN 1000 MILES INTO BACKWOODS COUNTRY TO WORK HARD FOR PRACTICALLY NOTHING?
THAT'S DIFFERENT. I'M A DOCTOR!
AFTER LODGING AT THE HOUSE OF ONE OF DR. MICHAEL'S PATIENTS, THE LOVELY YOUNG PHYSICIAN AND THE KINDLY OLD DOCTOR SET OUT ON THEIR FIRST MORNING'S ROUNDS...
SURE YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME ALONG IN CASE ANYONE KICKS UP A RUCKUS? SOME OF THE MOUNTAIN FOLK CAN BE MIGHTY MEAN!
NO, THANKS, MRS. STOUT.
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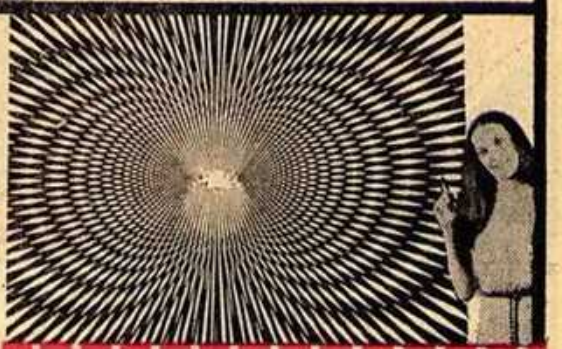

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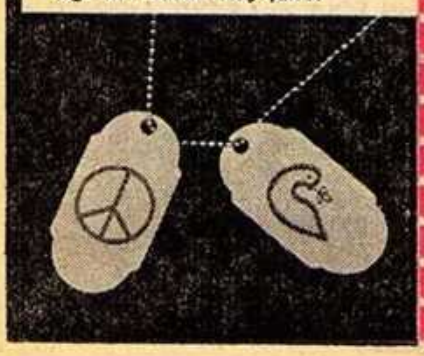

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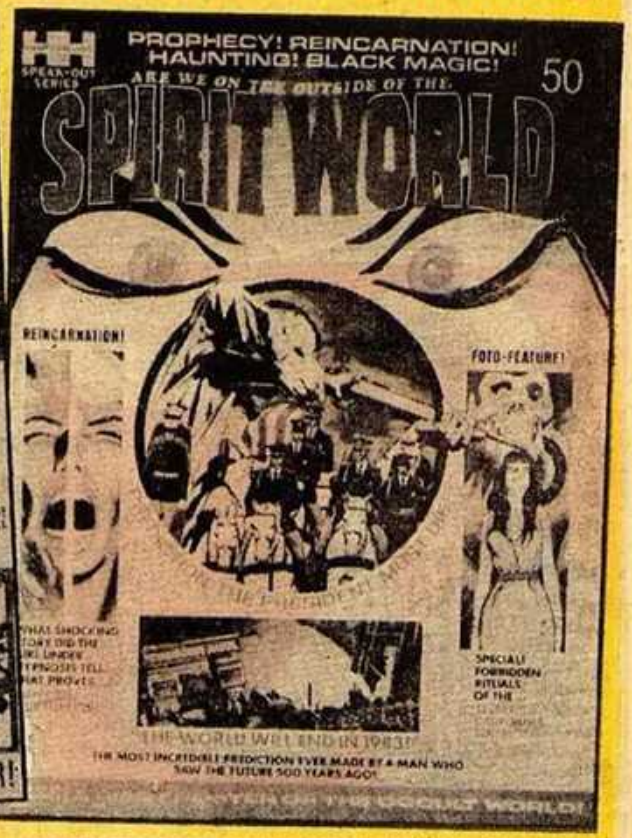

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DR. MICHAELS! DR. MICHAELS!--THE BABY FELL INTO THE CREEK AND WAS DROWNED!

STOPPING THE CAR, THE TWO DOCTORS HURRY WITH THE LITTLE MOUNTAINEER GIRL TO HER HOME, WHERE THEY ARE CONFRONTED WITH A GRIM SPECTACLE...
JULIE--I'LL TEND TO YOU LATER! AS FER YOU TWO--CLEAR OUT! DOCTORS NEVER HELPED NOBODY! ONLY BROUGHT TROUBLE! THE BABY'S DEAD! YOU CAN'T HELP US! SO GIT!

NO! YOU'RE WRONG! THE BABY IS STILL ALIVE! I CAN PROVE IT!

COME ON, DR. MICHAELS! WE'VE GOT TO ADMINISTER ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION IMMEDIATELY!
IT'S A TRICK! YOU'RE BLUFFING! STAY WHERE YOU ARE--OR I'LL SHOOT!

WITHOUT PAUSING IN HER STRIDE FORWARD, DR. PAT SLAPS THE RIFLE BARREL UPWARD, AND WITH HER FREE HAND SHARPLY CUFFS THE MOUNTAINEER IN THE SHOULDER, NUMBING HIM...
I WARNED YUH--OWW!
SORRY I HAD TO HURT YOU! BUT THE NUMBNESS WILL SOON WEAR OFF! AND THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!

BEFORE THE GRIM EYES OF THE VENGEFUL MOUNTAINEER, WHO HAS SUFFICIENTLY RECOVERED TO HOLD HIS RIFLE AGAIN, THE TWO DOCTORS WORK DESPERATELY AGAINST TIME, ADMINISTERING ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION, UNTIL...
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT IN YOUR DIAGNOSIS ABOUT THE BABY. IF NOT--WE WON'T GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE!
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HOUR AFTER HOUR OF UNCEASING EFFORT DRAGS BY... AND THEN...
HERE'S YOUR BABY! SHE'S ALL RIGHT NOW! JUST KEEP HER WARM!
MY BABY-- MY BABY! YOU SAVED MY BABY!

I'M ON YOUR SIDE NOW, DOC! IF EVER YOU WANT ANY HELP--JUST CALL ME!
THANKS. ALL I ASK, IS THAT IN THE FUTURE, YOU GIVE SCIENCE A CHANCE TO HELP YOU!

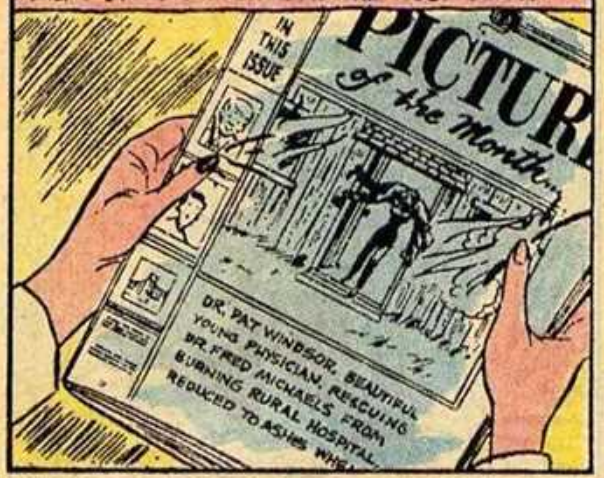
AS THE TWO DOCTORS CONTINUE ON THEIR ROUNDS...
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT THE BABY WAS ALIVE, BEFORE YOU EXAMINED IT, DOCTOR?
WHEN I SAW THE METAL ON THE RIFLE CLOUD SUDDENLY, I KNEW IT COULD ONLY BE BECAUSE THE BABY WAS BREATHING ON IT, DOCTOR.

LATER, BACK AT THEIR LODGINGS...
THE WHOLE MOUNTAINSIDE IS BUZZIN' WITH WHAT YOU DID FOR THE HUSTON BABY. I'LL BET YOU'LL SOON HAVE MORE PATIENTS THAN YOU CAN HANDLE!
IF ONLY THE HOSPITAL HADN'T BURNED DOWN! WHAT COULDN'T WE DO FOR THE PEOPLE! ESPECIALLY WITH SUCH A COLLEAGUE AS DR. PAT WINDSOR!

WEEKS OF HARD WORK PASS, IN WHICH DR. PAT IS SURROUNDED BY A CONSTANTLY GROWING CIRCLE OF PEOPLE, WHO SHYLY COME IN FROM THE HILLS IN SEARCH OF HELP... BUT SHE IS HAPPY... THIS IS HER CHOSEN PROFESSION... HEALING OTHERS...

BUT THEN, ONE DAY...
NEXT, PLEASE-- WHY, HANK!
I TOLD YOU I'D BE BACK! AND I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU! BUT FIRST, READ THIS.

AS DR. PAT GLANCES AT THE MAGAZINE THE REPORTER HANDS HER, SHE SEES A RE-ENACTMENT OF HER ARRIVAL AT THE HOSPITAL...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PICTURE of the Month...
DR. PAT WINDSOR, BEAUTIFUL YOUNG PHYSICIAN, RESCUING DR. FRED MICHAELS FROM BURNING RURAL HOSPITAL, REDUCED TO ASHES WHEN

IT ISN'T ETHICAL FOR A DOCTOR TO SEEK PUBLICITY! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT, HANK!

BUT I DID! AND BECAUSE OF SAM'S PICTURE, AND MY STORY-- WELL, I WON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD! DR. MICHAELS IS WAITING! COME WITH ME!

THE REPORTER DRIVES THE TWO DOCTORS TO A NEARBY JUNCTION, WHERE...

THERE IT IS! I JUST RECEIVED A WIRE INFORMING ME OF ITS ARRIVAL! A MODERN TRAILER HOSPITAL, COMPLETELY EQUIPPED FROM OPERATING ROOM TO TONGUE DEPRESSOR! BOUGHT BY THE PENNIES AND DOLLARS WHICH POURED IN FROM OUR READERS, AFTER YOUR STORY WAS PUBLISHED!

DR. MICHAELS WILL BE SO HAPPY TO RUN A WONDERFUL HOSPITAL LIKE THIS-- THANKS, HANK!

WHY--THANK YOU, DOCTOR!

JUST THEN...

I'M SORRY! BUT THERE'LL HAVE TO BE A SLIGHT CHANGE IN YOUR PLANS! I'M DR. ROY ALDING AND I'VE BEEN PLACED IN CHARGE OF THIS HOSPITAL BY THE COMMITTEE WHICH SUPERVISED ITS PURCHASE! THEY--ER-- FELT A YOUNGER DOCTOR WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO RUN IT!

IT'S UNFAIR! DR. MICHAELS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY IMPROVEMENT IN MEDICAL CONDITIONS AROUND HERE! HE DID ALL THE WORK! HE SHOULD BE IN CHARGE! JUST BECAUSE HE'S OLDER DOESN'T MEAN HE'S LOST HIS SKILL! IN FACT, IT'S IMPROVED! I WON'T STAND FOR THIS--!

PLEASE, PAT! IT'S--IT'S ALL RIGHT! I--DON'T MIND WORKING UNDER DR. ALDING...

I HAVE TO GO AWAY NOW, PAT, ON MY NEXT ASSIGNMENT. I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED. I DIDN'T KNOW. BUT I'LL BE BACK TO CHEER YOU UP AS SOON AS I GET MY STORY.
THANKS, HANK, YOU'RE SWEET. BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.

ON THE NEXT DAY, DR. ALDING OUTLINES HIS PLAN FOR RUNNING THE HOSPITAL...
SINCE YOU TWO KNOW THE AREA AROUND HERE, I SUGGEST YOU CONTINUE WITH YOUR ROUNDS JUST AS YOU HAVE BEEN DOING. I'LL REMAIN IN THE HOSPITAL TO HANDLE ANY COMPLICATED CASES WHICH MIGHT ARISE.
YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT! I DON'T MIND ABOUT MYSELF--

--BUT DR. MICHAELS IS NOT AS YOUNG AS YOU ARE! AND THE MOUNTAIN ROADS ARE HARD ON A MAN HIS AGE! WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT WITH ME, AND LET DR. MICHAELS TAKE CARE OF ANY CASES WHICH REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION?
MY INSTRUCTIONS ARE QUITE CLEAR, DR. WINDSOR! AND AS LONG AS I'M IN CHARGE, THEY WILL BE OBEYED! THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE HEAD AROUND HERE--!

DR. MICHAELS QUICKLY INTERVENES AND PERSUADES THE FUMING DR. PAT NOT TO OPPOSE DR. ALDING ANY LONGER. BUT ALL THAT DAY, AS THE TWO MAKE THEIR ROUNDS OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT...
BE CALM--(PUFF-PUFF)--PAT. AFTER ALL, HE'S ONLY DOING HIS DUTY AS--(PUFF-PUFF)--HE SEES FIT. BESIDES, IT WILL BE BETTER--(PUFF-PUFF) FOR YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE.
DON'T TRY TO HUMOR ME! I'VE GOT A RIGHT TO BE ANGRY! HE THINKS MEDICINE IS A ONE-MAN JOB--AND HE'S THAT MAN!

AFTER THE WEARYING DAY IS OVER, THE TWO DOCTORS FINALLY RETURN TO THE HOSPITAL, WHERE...
LOOK!
SOMEONE'S UNCOUPLED THE TRAILER AND IS LETTING IT RUN WILD!

HELP!
IT'S DR. ALDING! HE'LL BE KILLED!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA HOW WE MIGHT SAVE DR. ALDING - AND THE HOSPITAL! BUT YOU'VE GOT TO DO THE DRIVING!

DR. MICHAELS CHANGES PLACES WITH DR. PAT, AND DRIVING AT A TERRIFIC RATE OF SPEED, DRAWS IN FRONT OF THE RUNAWAY TRAILER. HE KEEPS HIS POSITION, WHILE THE DARING YOUNG PHYSICIAN CLIMBS TO THE BACK AND...

THE TWO ERSTWHILE ANTAGONISTS STRAIN TO THE UTMOST UNTIL...

WITH THE TRAILER UNDER CONTROL, DR. MICHAELS SLOWS UP UNTIL HE IS FINALLY ABLE TO STOP COMPLETELY.

SUDDENLY...

HERE'S CALEB MOSS—THE HYENA THAT DID IT! HE CONFESSED TO THE FIRE AND SHOOTIN' AT YOU, DOC! HE HATED YOU DOCTORS FOR TAKIN' AWAY HIS TRADE IN CHARMS AND THE LIKE! BUT HE'LL LEARN DIFFERENT IN JAIL! GUESS THIS SORTA SQUARES MY DEBT TO YOU, DR. PAT!

THE NEXT DAY, JUST AS THE DOCTORS ARE ABOUT TO START ON THEIR USUAL ROUNDS...

NO, DR. MICHAELS. I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D REMAIN IN THE HOSPITAL, WHILE I TAKE YOUR PLACE ON THE ROUNDS! THE WAY YOU TWO SAVED MY LIFE, AND THE HOSPITAL, SHOWED ME THE VALUE OF TEAMWORK, IN ALL THINGS. AND I THINK I'D BE MORE USEFUL ON THE OUTSIDE--

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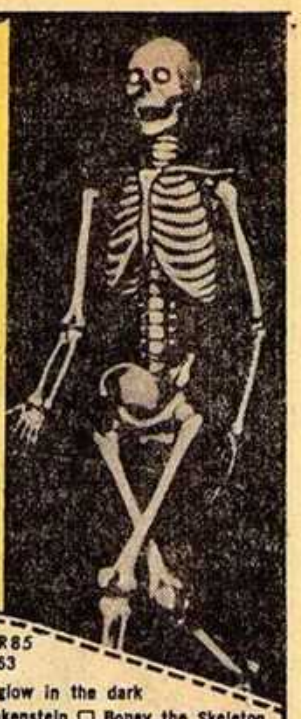

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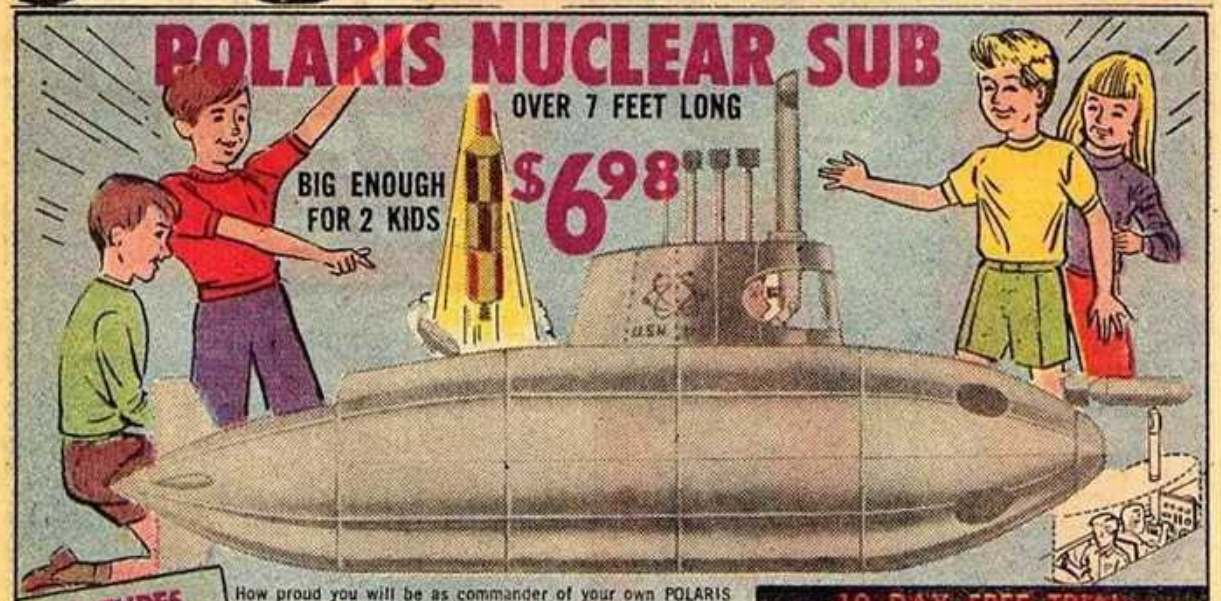

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Dear Nelson:

I've been away from the *LL* mag for about two years. The new changes that came to the *Superman* family took a while to get here. But the wait was worth it.

The teaming of *Lois* and *The Thorn* was great. It undoubtedly drew fans of both characters to the magazine. We got the action of *Thorn* with the romantic angle of *Lois*. A team-up between them every year would be great.

The two features in the strip, added to the action, should be broadened. *The Thorn* should at least appear in a future *Justice League* tale, and the black history should be put in your mags when it plays a part in the story.

See you next month, and right on, brother!

Jerry Wilson, Omaha, Neb.

(And after reading your letter—write on, brother!—E.N.B.)

Mr. Bridwell:

I suppose I really ought to laud you and the writer (Bob Kanigher?) for your effort in producing the September issue of *Lois Lane*. Unfortunately, effort alone (no matter how well-intentioned) does not make for a good story. In this case, there is no doubt that the intentions are good—but the plot is not on a par.

To begin, the inclusion of *The Thorn* was ill-advised in a tale of this nature. Indian/Negro/Caucasion relationships can be dealt with better if super-heroes are omitted. The *Green Lantern* magazine is an exception to the (as I see it) general rule of comix.

The Roth-Colletta artwork is improving—though a long, harrowing stretch awaits us before the quality is prevalent. But we have to bear up under the strain and give thanks that a misplaced Irv Novick no longer is with us, having gone to far better pasture (*The Batman*).

The rivalry of the *100* and *Inter-Gang* is due to pop up soon in *L.L.*, but I hope not. Kirby's books are not, in my opinion, worth reading or mimicking.

The whole story seemed forced and rang a hollow tune when examined more closely. Mr. Kanigher seems to be attempting to capitalize on "relevance." I live near (during the summer months) many Negroes, and they call me whitey as many times as I call them nigger. Translation: Zero.

I am glad that the "hardhats" were fairly represented on the whole. Also, I am happy to see gangs in existence in comicdom. I am *sick* of seeing big, pot-bellied rich people treated as a national disease.

In any event, the only worthwhile aspect of the book was the two-page spread illustrating Negro achievements. It was handled hokily, but it had the right idea.

Matthew Graham, Granada Hills, Ca.

(Could it be that the issue left you feeling a bit disgruntled? At any rate, you certainly don't appear to have been gruntled!—E.N.B.*)*

Dear Editor:

I've enjoyed the *Thorn* features in *L.L.*, but #114 proved that *The Thorn* isn't just an extra feature. It showed how *The Thorn* wants justice for all and isn't just avenging her father's death.

But to get down to the nitty gritty, I am protesting. On page 13, *Superman* wishes to sponsor *The Thorn* for membership in the *Justice League*. Obviously, she refuses. Why? Will she ever change her mind, or will she always be an extra feature?

I must again say that *The Thorn* proved excellent. But *Lois* wasn't bad herself! I hope many readers feel the same as I do. Keep up the good work.

Robert Drago, Jamaica, N.Y.

(Joining the JLA *would be a very difficult thing for a heroine with a split personality, since a good part of the time, she wouldn't even know she was a member.* —E.N.B.*)*

Dear Editor:

"The Foe of 100 Faces" was another winner in the relevance category and, as I said in a previous letter (which you even printed in the issue) keep up the good work.

One thing bothers me, though. Doesn't it seem a bit amazing that a city like *Metropolis*, with not just *Superman* on patrol, but also *The Thorn*, and new *Newsboy Legion*, and assorted other goodies (*Rickles*, for one), has such a crime problem? I mean, the city is filled with members of the *100* and *Inter-Gang*, not to mention *Darkseid's* minions. I realize that the *Man of Steel* has been having problems lately, but things have really gotten out of hand!

Bob Rozakis, Elmont, N.Y.

(Remember, Inter-Gang *is part of* Darkseid's *organization. Remember, all of the* Superman *mags and the Kirby creations take place in this city. Remember, if we don't have baddies—no stories! That's the* real *reason for* Metropolis' *crime problem.*—E.N.B.*)*

Dear Editor:

I have been following the DC line for years, but never have I seen such a story involved with today's

modern society. First off, the artwork was really great, except you failed to give credit to the artist. Second, the scripter (whoever he may be) did a fine job of blending in super-heroes with city problems. The idea of teaming *Lois* with *The Thorn* was fab. *Lois Lane* #114 was just a success story.

However, I disagree with two things . . . first, the title, "Foe of 100 Faces." It could have been much better. Second, the cover. Don't get me wrong, the art was great. But, guys, the cover had abaolutely nothing to do with the inside story. You could have showcased *Lois, Dave, Tina, Thorn* and *Superman* battling the *100*. My friends are trying to convince me that you use your covers falsely for advertising purposes, but I'm still hanging on. Please restore my faith in DC.

Mike P. Romeo, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(First, as other fans surmised, Robert Kanigher did script the tale. And Roth and Colletta get the art credits—which were omitted through an oversight. Second, turn to page 13 of the story and look at panel 4—that's the cover shot. Superman *is saying much the same thing he says on the cover.* Lois *isn't shown, but a twinge of jealousy would have been natural at such a time. She is crying over Superman on page 15, panel 5. Still think the cover had "nothing to do with the inside story"?—*E.N.B.*)*

Dear Editor:

Although the cover of *Lois* #114 was a trifle misleading (if you'd intended to turn *The Thorn* into a second *Lana Lang*, I'd have set fire to the magazine!), Dick Giordano's rendition of *Lois* in hot pants was so appealing that I'll overlook it this time. But I'd like to ask you this: does *Lois* have wall-to-wall closets throughout her apartment? True, she gave away some of her wardrobe in a story in #98, but since then, she's been seen in so many different outfits on covers and in stories. She seems to wear something once and then forget about it. To do that, she must own Fort Knox or have a very generous expense account from the *Planet*. No paycheck is large any more after today's taxes are removed!

Now, on to more important things. Why didn't the writer claim credit for "Foe of 100 Faces"? It was utterly magnificent!However, judging from the cast of characters, the opulent vocabulary, and the expert handling of *The Thorn*, I'm willing to bet a dime on Robert Kanigher. Finally, the *Planet* is an equal opportunity employer and *Dave Stevens* is just the shot in the arm that the paper needs. Besides, I love to see *Morgan Edge* worry! But don't you dare turn *Dave* into another *Hazel Powell* (bet even *you're* thinking, *"Hazel* who?")! Tell everyone that *Dave* is a full-fledged *Planet* employee and let's see him appear in various mags.

As other critics have pointed out, *Lois* cares about more than just *Superman* now. This tale brought about a keen awareness of many of today's issues. Women's Lib, housing deficiencies, drug addiction (how times change! This problem can now be mentioned without the Comics Code keeling over from shock!), and organized crime . . . all were intelligently treated here. *The Thorn* fit like a glove, which added to the tale immensely. Also, the hint of possible friction between the *100* and *Inter-Gang* should prove interesting, although I suspect that *Darkseid* wouldn't have much trouble in eliminating any opposition if he so desired.

Like most of the "old" *Lois* stories, "Reptile Girl of Metropolis" was gimmicky, with the usual clever explanation at the end. As I previously said, though, I like this new "bigger and better" format. Keep up the excellent work.

Gerard Triano, Elmont, N.Y.

*(Lois is a lot more lucky than most girls. All she needs is an artist with a good pencil and she can get a new outfit in no time!—*E.N.B.*)*

Dear Editor:

In issue #114, you reprinted a story from *LL* #61, "The Reptile Girl of Metropolis." On page 1 of part two, you show *Lois* having just invented a light bulb that lights up with energy transmitted by radio.

So what? In the late 1800's, Dr. Nichola Tesla proposed and actually built a generator that emitted radio waves and was capable of lighting 300 electric light bulbs 25 miles away (no wires).

Also, many people who live near high-powered transmitters become disturbed because they can't turn off their fluorescent lights. The energy radiated from the transmitters is directly lighting the lights through the air (not through the wires).

So how can she invent something if it's been around for years?

I like the new look in the comics. Keep it up.

Michael E. Day; Ellsworth A.F.B., S.D.

(Of course, Lois' *invention had one difference—the bulb wasn't even screwed into a socket!—*E.N.B.*)*

Dear Editor:

I don't mind these stories about racial problems, but as Scott Gibson observed, enough's enough.

One fact which made partial amends is that the story's plot was slightly more complex than the simple scripts of issues 106 and 110.

Roth and Colletta did their usual fine job in illustrating the story, but who concocted it? (How dare you leave out the credits?!)

I remember the reprint well, and a fond memory it is. While some of your critics will call it trite, having no purpose, etc., I say, what's wrong with an entertaining story now and then, free of the relevance we are constantly being bombarded by?

Mark Lucke, Beeville, Tex.

(Nothing! That's the whole idea behind this issue's two stories—oops! Three, including the reprinted Dr. Pat *adventure! But—come to think of it,* Dr. Pat *was a Women's Libber twenty years ago!—*E.N.B.*)*

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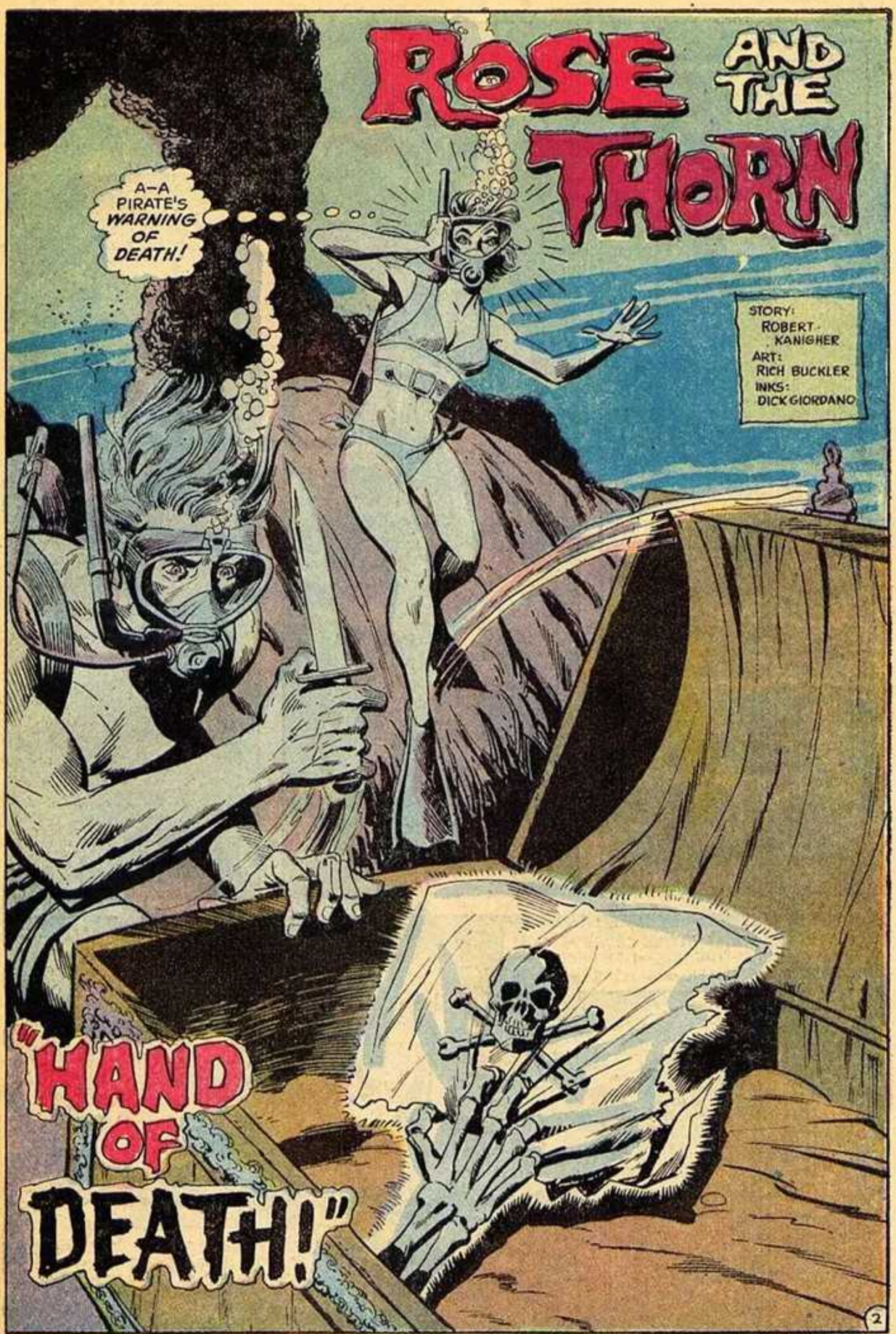
DANNY'S PRYING IT OPEN WITH A KNIFE!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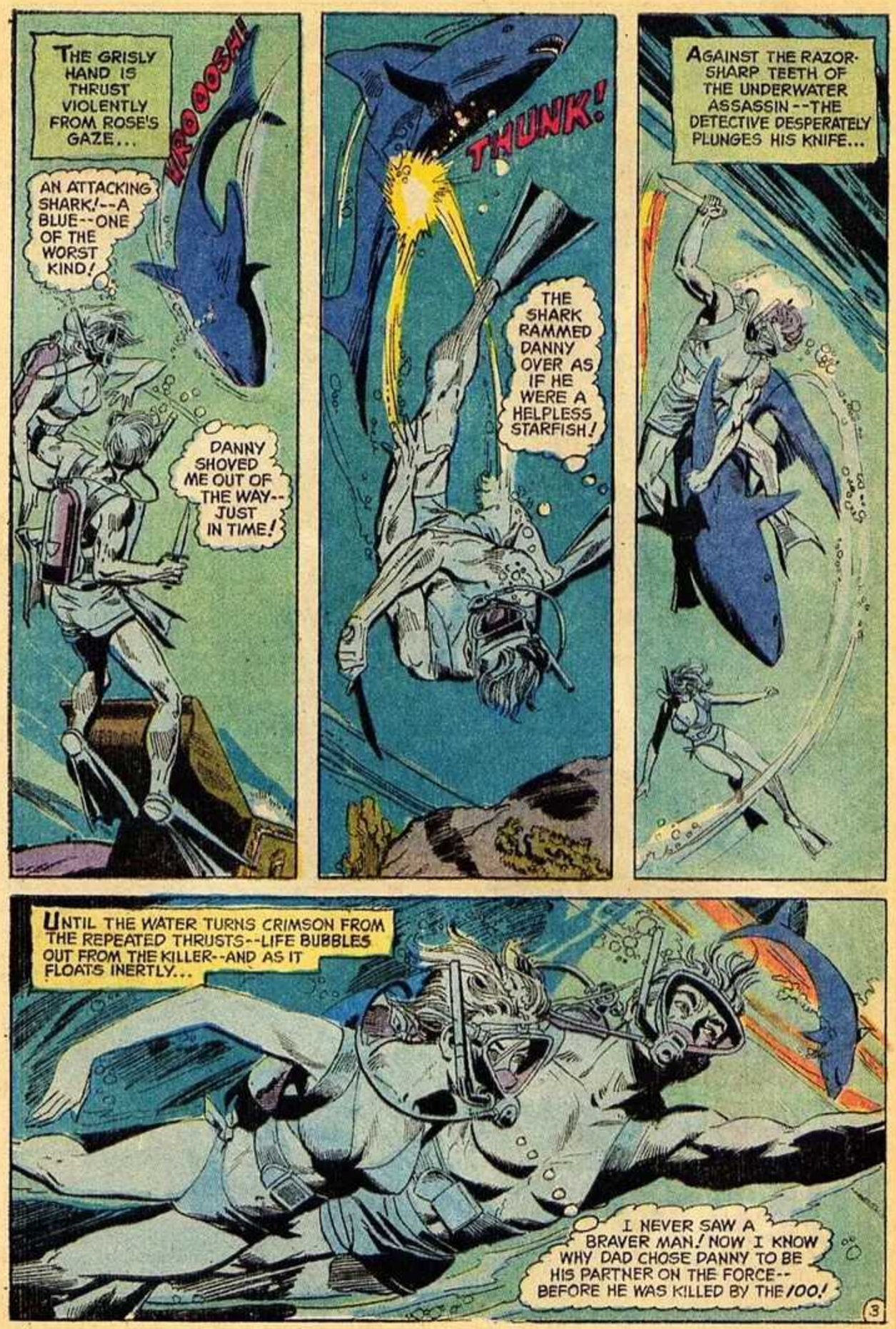
THE GRISLY HAND IS THRUST VIOLENTLY FROM ROSE'S GAZE...
KROOOSH!
AN ATTACKING SHARK!--A BLUE--ONE OF THE WORST KIND!
DANNY SHOVED ME OUT OF THE WAY--JUST IN TIME!
THUNK!
THE SHARK RAMMED DANNY OVER AS IF HE WERE A HELPLESS STARFISH!
AGAINST THE RAZOR-SHARP TEETH OF THE UNDERWATER ASSASSIN--THE DETECTIVE DESPERATELY PLUNGES HIS KNIFE...
UNTIL THE WATER TURNS CRIMSON FROM THE REPEATED THRUSTS--LIFE BUBBLES OUT FROM THE KILLER--AND AS IT FLOATS INERTLY...
I NEVER SAW A BRAVER MAN! NOW I KNOW WHY DAD CHOSE DANNY TO BE HIS PARTNER ON THE FORCE--BEFORE HE WAS KILLED BY THE 100!
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EMERGING FROM THE SINISTER WATERS...
OH, DANNY—FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT THAT PIRATE'S DEATH THREAT WAS COMING TRUE!
A DETECTIVE NEEDS NINE LIVES TO STAY ALIVE THESE DAYS, ROSE!
I'VE A FEW LEFT--TO FIND OUT HOW THE HAND GOT INSIDE THAT CHEST!

ON THE BEACH IN FRONT OF MOOR HOUSE, ROSE'S VACATION RENTAL, HER FRIEND WANDA BECKONS EXCITEDLY...
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GHOST OF THE DUNES REVEALED AS THE THORN
STORY ON PAGE 31
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SOME OF THE TOWNS-PEOPLE HAVE SEEN THE THORN! WISH I HAD!

HOW ABOUT YOU, ROSE? MOOR HOUSE IS SUPPOSED TO BE HAUNTED BY THE THORN!
PEOPLE THINKS SHE'S A GHOST! THAT'S WHY I RENTED IT SO CHEAPLY, WANDA! BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN THE THORN EITHER!

SHORTLY...
DECIDED WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR AT THE COSTUME BALL, ROSE?
NO, DANNY, I HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA!
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AS DANNY STONE DRIVES TO HIS MOTEL, ROSE AND HER FRIEND ENTER MOOR HOUSE...
YOU CAN TELL ME, ROSE! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO WEAR AT THE MASKED BALL?
I MEANT WHAT I TOLD DANNY! I'D LOVE TO WIN THE PRIZE FOR THE BEST COSTUME! BUT--
--I HAVEN'T MADE UP MY MIND YET WHAT IT'S TO BE!
ARE YOU SURE, ROSE?*
*EDITOR'S NOTE: A THORN COSTUME WAS SENT TO ROSE BEFORE SHE LEFT ON HER TRIP. SHE HAS NO IDEA SHE SENT IT...IN HER OTHER IDENTITY!
LATE THAT NIGHT...
...ROSE IS DRIVEN FROM SLEEP, TO ASSUME THE SPLIT-PERSONALITY OF WHOM SHE IS TOTALLY UNCONSCIOUS--
--THE OBSESSED THORN!
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APPEARING SUDDENLY OUT OF THE MISTS OVER THE DUNES...
YOUR HAND--WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?
IT'S THE THORN! TELL HER ABOUT IT, LEN!
N-N-NO--NO--
I'M AFRAID!
LEN AN' ME WERE OUT FISHIN' WHEN WE SAW THAT GHOST SHIP! I COULDN'T STOP HIM FROM SNEAKIN' ABOARD!
I WAITED--HEARD A SPLASH--AND FOUND HIM THRASHIN' IN THE WATER--WITH HIS HAND ALL CUT UP!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU ABOARD THAT SHIP?
AT THORN'S QUESTION, LEN RUNS FEARFULLY OFF INTO THE MISTS...
NO! I C-CAN'T TELL... ANYONE! THEY'D FINISH ME, SURE! DON--C'MON!
LEN'S IN A PANIC! I'LL GET HIM TO A DOCTOR!
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OHHHH!
THIS'LL TEACH THIS CAT NOT TO BE SO CURIOUS-- JUST LIKE WE TAUGHT THAT FISHERMAN!
SO... THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED--!
AWWWKKGH!
BUT THORN'S REFLEXES ARE QUICKER THAN THE AXE'S BLADE!
PTUP!
SWISH!
AS OTHER SAILORS CLOSE IN, THORN ACTS QUICKLY TO SHIELD HERSELF WITH SMOKE-THORNS...
SSSSSSSSHH!
PTOOOOO!
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WH-WHERE'D THAT SMOKE COME FROM?
SHE'S GONE— LIKE A REAL GHOST!
LATER, THE VENGEFUL VIXEN CUTS THROUGH THE SINISTER WATERS...
SILENTLY AS A WRAITH, SHE CLIMBS UP THE ANCHOR ROPE...
READY FOR THE NEXT DROP?
SURE --NOT A SOUL AROUND!
I'M STILL LAUGHIN' ABOUT OUR GIMMICK! LUMINOUS PAINT MAKIN' US GLOW IN THE DARK LIKE A GHOST SHIP!
IT SURE MAKES IT EASY FOR US TO DROP OUR LOOT OVERBOARD IN THESE CHESTS--
TO BE PICKED UP LATER BY INTER-GANG'S FROG-MEN!
ANYONE NOT SCARED OFF-- GETS HURT-- REAL BAD!
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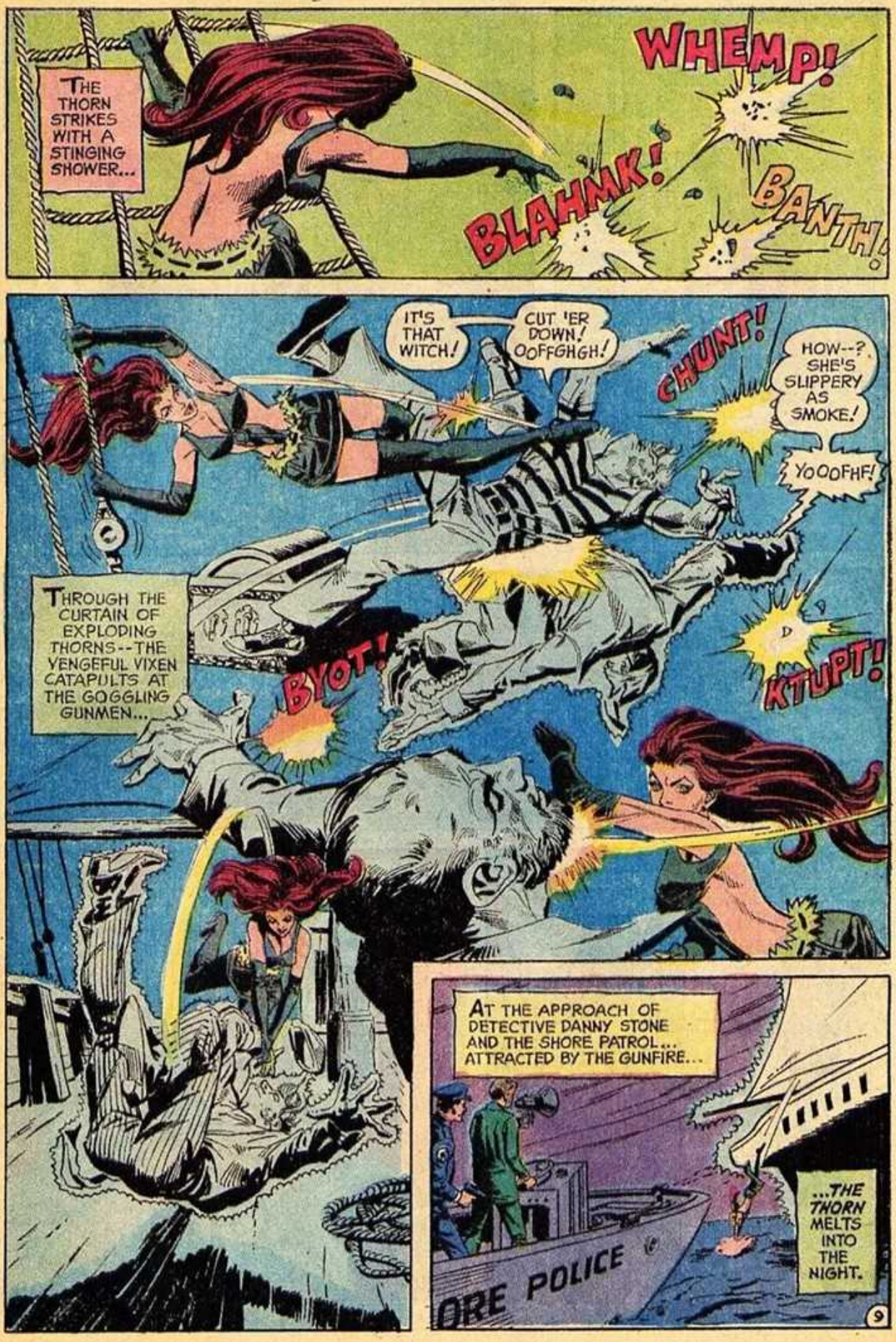
THE THORN STRIKES WITH A STINGING SHOWER...
WHEMP!
BLAHMK!
BANTH!
IT'S THAT WITCH!
CUT 'ER DOWN! OOFFGHGH!
CHUNT!
HOW--? SHE'S SLIPPERY AS SMOKE!
YOOOFHF!
THROUGH THE CURTAIN OF EXPLODING THORNS--THE YENGEFUL VIXEN CATAPULTS AT THE GOGGLING GUNMEN...
BYOT!
KTUPT!
AT THE APPROACH OF DETECTIVE DANNY STONE AND THE SHORE PATROL... ATTRACTED BY THE GUNFIRE...
...THE THORN MELTS INTO THE NIGHT.
ORE POLICE
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RACING BACK TO MOOR HOUSE, THE SHADOWY SIREN UNCONSCIOUSLY CHANGES TO THE OTHER SIDE OF HER UNIQUE SPLIT-PERSONALITY.
THE NEXT NIGHT... AT THE COSTUME BALL...
THE THORN! OR... IS IT SOMEONE ELSE? I MUST FIND OUT!
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE WITH YOUR MASK OFF--
WH-WHY-- IT'S-- WANDA!
YOU SHOULD SEE YOUR FACE, DANNY! WHOM DID YOU EXPECT? THE REAL THORN?!
AND WHEN A NEW FIGURE APPEARS...
THE BLACK CANARY!
ALIAS ROSE FORREST! DID I SURPRISE YOU, DANNY?
ANYWAY, I GUESS WANDA IS SURE TO WIN FIRST PRIZE WITH HER THORN COSTUME!
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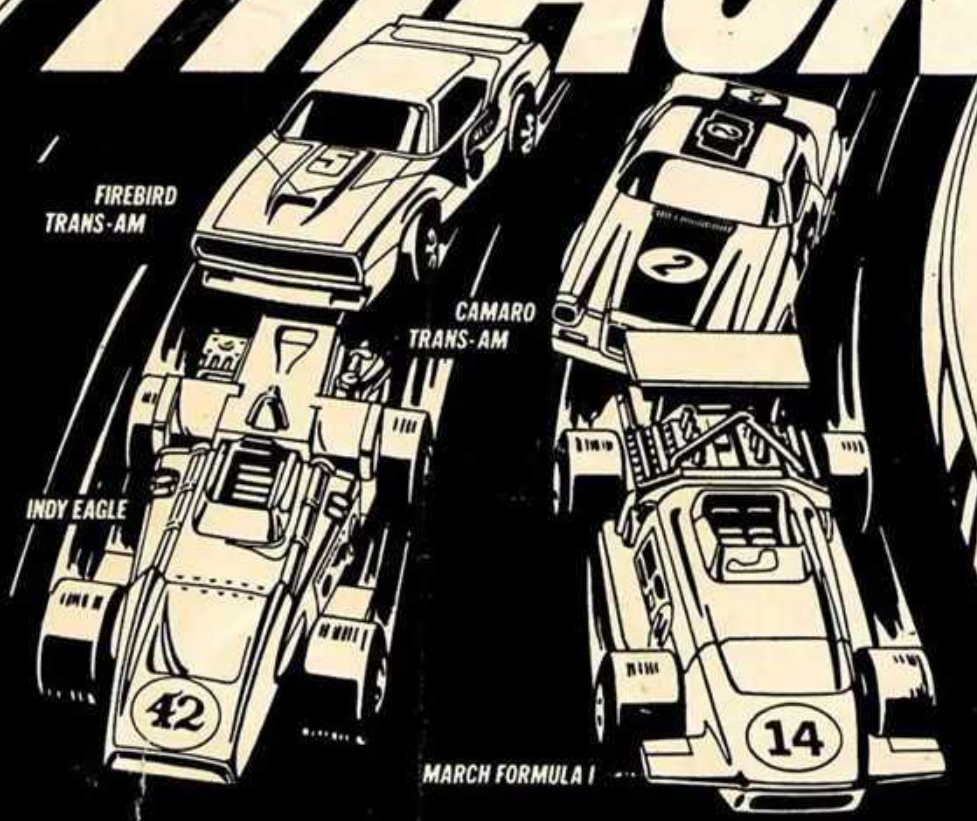

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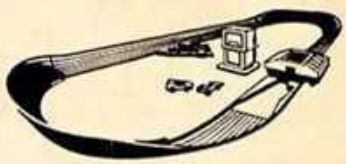

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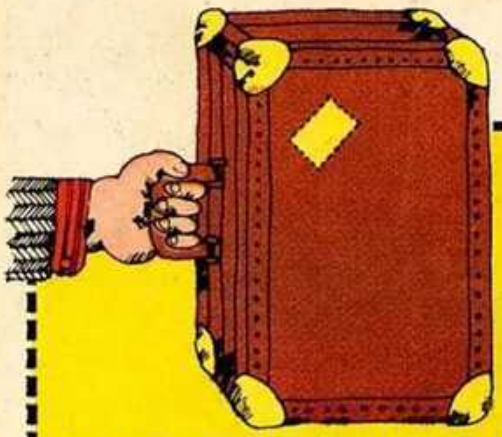

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